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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY -- JUNE 2

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1. MADRID MEETING. CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES TWO TASS REPORTS ABOUT PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO SPAIN. MADRID-DATELINED STORY CITES WIRE SERVICES THAT THE PRESIDENT AND FRANCO AGREED U.S. BASES WILL REMAIN IN SPAIN AND THAT A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT CAN BE WORKED OUT IN JUNE. THE PRESIDENT IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT U.S.-SPANISH COOPERATION BRINGS ADVANTAGE TO THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE TRANSATLANTIC COMMUNITY AND THAT SUCH TIES MUST BE CONSTANTLY BROADENED AND STRENGTHENED. LONDON-DATELINED TASS STORY REPLAYS UNCLASSIFIED

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THE "OBSERVER'S" CRITICAL COMMENT CLAIMING THE PRESIDENT'S

VISIT WAS A "TREMENDOUS MISTAKE" AND CONFIRMED THE VIEW THAT THE U.S. THINKS ONLY ABOUT MILITARY BASES, "COLD-WAR STRATEGY", AND SUPPORT OF ANTI-COMMUNIST REGIMES. ACCORDINT TO TASS THE QUESTION OF NATO MEMBERSHIP FOR SPAIN COULD SCARCELY HAVE ARISEN IN EARNEST BECAUSE THE OPPOSITION OF OTHER NATO MEMBERS EXCLUDES THIS MATTER FROM THE REALM OF PRACTICAL POLICY.

2. SALZBURG MEETING. PRAVDA CARRIES A SHORT TASS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL IN SALZBURG FOR TALKS WITH PRESIDET SADAT. LONGER VERSION OF THE SAME ARTICLE IN SOVIETSKAYA ROSSIYA GOES ON TO SAY THAT SADAT'S STATEMENTS SHOW EGYPT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE U.S.'S ME ROLE. TASS ALSO CITES INFORMATION SERVICES THAT EGYPT DOES NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF RENEWING THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH TO A SETTLEMENT AND THAT THE PRESIDENT HOPES THE TALKS WILL GIVE STEP-BY-STEP A NEW CHANCE.

3. BLIATERAL. PRAVDA FRONT PAGES A BRIEF WASHINGTON-DATELINED TASS ITEM REPORTING SECRETARY MORTON'S STATEMENT SUPPORTING EXPANDED TRADE WITH THE COMMUNIST STATES.

4. MIDDLE EAST. THE MIDDLE EAST RECEIVES LIGHT COVERATE. MAJOR DAILIES CARRY A TASS REPORT FROM BEIRUT SAYING THE AMBASSADORS OF EGYPT, KUWAIT AND ALGERIA WERE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE LEBANESE SITUATION AFTER MEETINGS JUNE 1 WITH PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH AND ARAFAT. PRAVDA CARRIES A SHORT TASS PIECE REPROTING CONTINUED PROGRES ON REBUILDING THE SUEZ CANAL ZONE. AND THE PRESS REPORTS THAT THE EGYPT-USSR FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY HELD A MEETING IN CAIRO JUNE 1 TO COMMEMORATE THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOVIET-EGYPTIAN FRIENDSHIP TREATY.

5. AFRICA. ALL MAJOR DAILIES CARRY A TASS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE USSR WILL ESTABLISH FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MOZAMBIQUE ON JUNE 25.

6. CHINA-JAPAN. PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR KRUSHINSKIY WRITES ABOUT THE RECENT VISIT TO JAPAN OF A PRC JOURNALISTS DELEGATION. THE GROUP, HE SAYS, EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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THOSE IN JAPAN WHO SEEK TO REVISE THE RESULTS OF WORLD WAR II (READ THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES). THIS FITS WITH PEKING'S EFFORTS TO DISRUPT SOVIET-JAPANESE RELATIONS, SAYS PRAVDA, AND TO EXPAND PEKING'S OWN HEGEMONY.

7. PORTUGAL. A PIECE BY PRAVDA'S LISBON CORRESPONDENT CITES FAVORABLY THE PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY'S POSITION IN FAVOR OF COOPERATION AMONG "DEMOCRATIC FORCES" IN THE

COUNTRY, ATTACKS UNNAMED EXTREMISTS ON BOTH LEFT AND  
RIGHT, AND SPARES ANY CRITICISM (OR EVEN MENTION) OF THE  
PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY.  
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